

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Applicant herein presents proposed amendments to the claims in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.

**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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